

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

MAY 18, 2021

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Duabenspeck and Nick Culley (youth Liaison) answered roll call. Aaron Gurley was not present.

PUBLIC HEARING – Trane Tax Abatement Confirmatory Resolution – Mayor Pavey asked for questions or concerns. There were none. Berkemeier made a motion to close the public hearing. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Daubenspeck moved to approve the minutes as presented. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The City Utilities is doing some restructuring. Berkemeier sent out an update to Council. The Utility Board approve to hire Greg Shook as superintendent. Les Day was moved to water foreman, and Eric Schlechtweg is the wastewater foreman.
2. Thanks to Councilman Berkemeier for standing in for me at the ceremony of the unknown soldier and the street re-dedication.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley reported that her accounts payable clerk has asked to go to part-time. Therefore, she has hired Kay Richards to also work part-time. After Richards is trained the girls will alternate days.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Berkemeier thanked the veterans and others for the ceremony for the tomb of the unknown soldier. Attended the renaming of 15th Street to Veterans Memorial Parkway. Thanks to Jemmy Miller for ordering and setting the sign. There was also a bike ride and garden fest which made for a busy day. On Sunday he attended MORE for Kids. He had his first experience playing frisbee golf.

Berkemeier attended the last Utility Board meeting. He said we are still looking for a reappointment for Butch Singleton, but it is not urgent. He asked Council to let him know if they are aware of anyone that is interested in that position.

He will be attending a meeting regarding central dispatch with the County. He will also attend a joint animal control meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Close out is July 15.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – June is the first concert.
- **Community Center** – John McCane reported that they did a walk through yesterday with the electrician and the design group. The electrician will be doing some demolition. They continue to work with the YMCA.
- **Housing Boulder's Schedule** – The curbs have been ordered. They should be in June 7th. We will have a meeting with The Fair Board relating to a second opening on N Washington Street for the race track.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Council** – Councilman Marzon reported that Nicole Kirkoff shared some collaboration ideas between the Library and Council. We will discuss these ideas at our next meeting in July.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire- Chief Munson reported that the 2 employees that were on light duty are now back to work full status.

Pump maintenance has been completed on engine 1 and 2. Friday we will do hose testing.

Park – Director Burklow reported that the Board of Works approved 3 employees for summer help.

The pool is almost ready for opening on June 5th.

The water was turned on to test at the Overlook and splash pad.

Animal – Director Hanna reported that the Board of Works approved to use volunteer drivers for transporting animals to the clinic in Lafayette.

Hanna said she wanted to thank Jemmy Miller and Dan Burklow for cleaning up the outside of the shelter.

They will be putting in drop ceilings due to it being too hot.

Street – Commissioner Miller reported that they have taken down the old park office. They will be completing the crack sealing this week. The Board of Works hired Andrew Sweet to begin June 1.

Police – Chief Tucker said they are investigating at Riverside Park due to someone setting fire to dead trees in this area.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Berkemeier said he was approached by Mrs. Webb regarding the corner of Rivercrest & Willard. She said traffic goes too fast and she would like to get a stop sign installed there. Berkemeier said a study was done a few years ago and didn't show that it is needed. Chief Tucker said he will see if there is room to put the speed trailer in this area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **CCMG Schedule** – Invoices are paid and the paperwork has been submitted.
2. **Alley Vacation West of Spencer Street and East of Little League Diamond** – Berkemeier made a motion to remove this from the agenda and if Glover wants this done it will be through his initiative. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRANE:

1. **Resolution 2021-12 Confirmatory Resolution for Tax Abatement** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2021-12. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GENERAL:

1. **Resolution 2021-7 Supporting DNR Project Flatrock River Stream and Wetland Restoration Project** – David Carr from DNR presented a program that they would like the City to enter into with DNR. The project would target the south side of Riverside Park. They would put together a plan and submit the plan for review. The area would become somewhat of a park area. They said our setting is pretty unique.

They would need a letter of permission permitting them to move forward. This would be an opportunity to develop partnerships with other conservation programs and funding sources. All projects will require real estate restrictions. Legal drains may be a challenge.

Berkemeier said he would like a copy of the presentation to review. Pavey said we would be looking at the area from the bridge to the old trestle. The property would remain the City's.

Newhouse will prepare a resolution to start the ball rolling.

2. **Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Location in South Veteran's Memorial Park** – Brad Hatfield said he met with the Park Board last week to discuss the idea of placing a Viet Nam memorial in the area of the old gazebo. He said they have discussed a waterfall wall. They are not asking the City for money. They will do the fund raising. The City would have final approval. Berkemeier said he really liked the idea, but vandalism in this park

concerns him. Hatfield said they have discussed security cameras and security for the area. Council was supportive of the project and agreed for the veterans committee to move forward and to bring their plan back to them when they have something put together.

POST Covid Recovery Funds/Programs: This was passed at the last meeting.

Requirements – American Rescue Plan

1. **Ordinance 2021-14** – Adding the ARP Corona Virus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund –

Indiana READI-Regional Development Plan – Guidelines are being prepared. Mayor Pavey sent requirements. It defines itself as a region and you can only be in one region. The amount is \$50 million. There are various levels of match. This is federal money. The regions have to be established by June. They will be scored by the State and there will be 10 regions funded. There is a meeting set for Monday.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Rush County is performing well. The age for vaccinations has been dropped to 12 years. The task force continues to meet.

CLAIMS AND MARCH 2021 BANK RECONCILIATION – Daubenspeck moved to approve the claims as presented and the March 2021 bank reconciliation. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.